

**TOWN OF VASS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING
July 9, 2012**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Callahan. Commissioners in attendance were: Blackwell, Bridgers, Callahan, Cirone, and Kellis. Also in attendance town attorney, Doug Gill.

The purpose of the public hearing was to hear comment on the request for a Conditional Use Permit of Ruth Klingenschmidt for clearing timber.

The Mayor read a brief description of the purpose of the hearing and testimony that would be considered. Then people who would be testifying were sworn in.

Kristofar Kosem of 119 Dogwood Ave. said he was upset by the fact that the required buffer had been cut down and debris left at the site. He said if the conditions recommended by the Planning Board were made a requirement of the permit he would be satisfied.

Ruth Klingenschmidt the property owner made brief statements indicating that she did not know about the requirement for obtaining a conditional use permit before having the trees cut as she had the trees cut in the past and never needed a permit. She also said she could not see anywhere in the pages of the zoning ordinance where it said a permit was needed for cutting down timber.

Jody Smith, Zoning Administrator, read the section from page 78 of the Table of Permitted Uses that does say Forestry and Timbering operations are a conditional use unless the property is in a forest value use program for tax purposes or has an approved Forest Management Program.

Mrs. Klingenschmidt still did not believe that a permit was necessary and felt she was being singled out by having to obtain a permit.

She also complained that she never received any notice until June 14 and that the Zoning Administrator could have called her.

No one else signed up to speak.

Commissioner Callahan made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Henry E. Callahan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Josephine E. Smith, CMC
Town Clerk